

FOSTER CARE CASE FILE FINDINGS

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AFCARS Element	Data In AFCARS Matches Case File	Data In AFCARS Does Not Match Paper File	Questionable	Comments
#3 Local FIPS Code	50	3	0	
#5 Most Recent Periodic Review Date	7	39	7	<p>Review date in paper files is typically earlier than the date reported in AFCARS.</p> <p>The seven that were correct were cases that had been open for less then seven months.</p> <p>Of the 39 records that did not match the AFCARS file: 9 were blank in AFCARS, and dates were found in the file; 14 had dates of August 30, 2000: seven of them had review dates that occurred prior to August 30th, and 2 had review dates after the August date; 1 record had an AFCARS date of 2/17/2001; 14 records had “valid” dates in AFCARS (i.e., were dates other then 8/30/2000), but reviewers did not find these to be correct.</p> <p>In 3 records the reviewers noted that a case review was not required because the child was over the age of 18.</p> <p>Another record noted that children in Long Lang do not receive reviews.</p> <p>The seven questionable records all had 8/30/2000 as the review date in AFCARS.</p>

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#6 Child Birth Date	49	4	0	
#7 Child Sex 1 = Male 2 = Female	53	0	0	
#8 Child Race				
a. American Indian or Alaska Native	52	1	0	
b. Asian	52	1	0	
c. Black or African American	53	0	0	
d. Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	53	0	0	
e. White	51	2	0	
f. Unable to Determine	53	0	0	
#9 Child Hispanic Origin 1 = Yes 2 = No 3 = Unable to Determine	51	2	0	
#10 Has Child Been Diagnosed with Disability?	24	29	0	
#11 Mental Retardation	51	2	0	
#12 Visually/Hearing Impaired	53	0	0	
#13 Physically Disabled	53	0	0	
#14 Emotionally	26	27	0	

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Disturbed				
#15 Other Diagnosed Condition	49	4	0	
#16 Has Child Ever Been Adopted? 1 = Yes 2 = No 3 = Unable to Determine	51	2	0	
#17 Age at Previous Adoption 0 = Not Applicable 1 = less than 2 years old 2 = 2-5 years old 3 = 6-12 years old 4 = 13 years or older 5 = Unable to Determine	51	2	0	
#18 Date of First Removal from Home	27	24	2	<p>Paper case files typically contain earlier dates of first removal; many of these earlier dates are within the 1993-1996 historical conversion period.</p> <p>Number (#) of cases with dates of removal prior to 1/1/1997 = 34. # reported correctly to AFCARS = 14. # of records that did not match what was in the case file = 19. Of the 19: AFCARS dates prior to 1/1/1997 = 15; records with AFCARS dates after 1/1/1997 = 4. 2 had AFCARS dates of 2000 and the actual removal dates were 1995 and 1996. 2 had AFCARS dates and the actual dates were 1994</p>

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				<p>and 1996.</p> <p>The amount of difference in the dates reported to AFCARS and the actual dates ranged from 1 day to 2 months (4) and 10 were off by 2 to 12 years.</p> <p>There were 19 records that had dates of 1st removal after 1/1/1997. Of those, 13 matched, and 5 did not match.</p>
#19 Total Number of Removals from Home	24	28	1	<p>The paper case files often contained fewer removals. This is due to the reviewers finding that the child had continuously been in care and not discharged as shown in the AFCARS report.</p> <p>For those records with dates of 1st removal prior to 1/1/97: 14 matched and 21 did not match. Of the 21 that did not match, 2 increased in the number of removals and 18 decreased.</p> <p>For those with dates of 1st removal after 1/1/97, all that did not match decreased in the total number of removals.</p>
#20 Date of Discharge from Previous Episode	20	32	1	<p>Paper case files confirm that some of these dates reported to AFCARS do not reflect actual discharges from care (probably changes in placements, particularly from paid to non-paid placement settings).</p> <p>There were 18 records in the pre-1/1/97 group. Of those, 8 matched and 10 did not match.</p>

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				There were 35 records in the post-1/1/97 group, and 13 matched and 21 did not match. One record showed a date in AFCARS after the end of the report period under review. 17 of the AFCARS records had dates, but the child had never been discharged and remained in the same removal episode.														
#21 Date of Latest Removal	21	27	5	<p>Paper case files typically contain an earlier date of latest removal than the one in AFCARS report.</p> <p>There were 17 records pre-1/1/97. Of those, 4 matched and 12 did not. In this group, the dates in AFCARS and the actual dates were:</p> <table><tr><td>AFCARS</td><td>Actual</td></tr><tr><td>1993 (1)</td><td>1991</td></tr><tr><td>1996(1)</td><td>1996</td></tr><tr><td>1997(2)</td><td>1994 & 1996</td></tr><tr><td>1998(1)</td><td>1996</td></tr><tr><td>1999(5)</td><td>1994, 1995, 1996(3)</td></tr><tr><td>2000(2)</td><td>1994 & 1995</td></tr></table> <p>In the post-1/1/97 group, 17 records matched and 15 did not.</p>	AFCARS	Actual	1993 (1)	1991	1996(1)	1996	1997(2)	1994 & 1996	1998(1)	1996	1999(5)	1994, 1995, 1996(3)	2000(2)	1994 & 1995
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#23 Date of Placement in Current Setting	34	18	1	<p>Paper case files typically contain an earlier date of placement than the one in AFCARS report.</p> <p>Of the 18 records that did not match: 3 had dates after the end of the report period, 5 had dates that were 2 to 4 years before what was reported to AFCARS, and 3 of those had dates prior to 1/1/1997.</p>														

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#24 Number of Previous Placement Settings in This Episode	25	27	1	The paper case files typically contained more placements than reported to AFCARS. This is probably due to the current removal episode being longer in duration than what was reported to AFCARS (see note in element #19). There were 3 records that the number decreased and 22 that the number of placements were more than what was reported in AFCARS.
#25 Manner of Removal From Home for This Episode 1 = Voluntary 2 = Court Ordered 3 = Not Yet Determined	45	8	0	All of those that did not match had been voluntary placements.
#26 Physical Abuse	44	9	0	
#27 Sexual Abuse	50	3	0	
#28 Neglect	52	1	0	
#29 Parent Alcohol Abuse	47	6	0	
#30 Parent Drug Abuse	42	11	0	
#31 Child Alcohol Abuse	53	0	0	
#32 Child Drug Abuse	51	2	0	
#33 Child Disability	52	1	0	
#34 Child's Behavior Problem	40	13	0	

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#35 Death of Parent	51	1	0	
#36 Incarceration of Parent	51	2	0	
#37 Caretaker Inability to Cope	43	10	0	
#38 Abandonment	48	5	0	
#39 Relinquishment	50	3	0	
#40 Inadequate Housing	49	4	0	
#41 Current Placement Setting 1 = Pre-Adoptive Home 2 = Foster Family Home (Relative) 3 = Foster Family Home (Non-Relative) 4 = Group Home 5 = Institution 6 = Supervised Independent Living 7 = Runaway 8 = Trial Home Visit	48	5	0	
#42 Out of State Placement	49	4	0	
#43 Most Recent Case Plan Goal 1 = Reunify with Parent(s) or Principal Caretaker(s)	2	50	1	Since LINK does not collect case goal info, it defaults all case goals to "Not Yet Established." Thus, all cases will have incorrect or questionable case goals, except for those children who have either just come into or returned to foster care.

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2 = Live with Other Relative(s) 3 = Adoption 4 = Long Term Foster Care 5 = Emancipation 6 = Guardianship 7 = Case Plan Goal Not Yet Established				
#44 Caretaker Family Structure 1 = Married Couple 2 = Unmarried Couple 3 = Single Female 4 = Single Male 5 = Unable to Determine	40	12	1	
#45 1st Primary Caretaker's Birth Year	38	14	1	
#46 2nd Primary Caretaker's Birth Year	44	8	1	
#47 Mother's Date of TPR	51	2	0	
#48 Father's Date of TPR	51	2	0	
#49 Foster Family Structure 0 = Not Applicable 1 = Married Couple 2 = Unmarried Couple	45	8	0	

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3 = Single Female 4 = Single Male				
#50 1st Foster Caretaker's Birth Year	48	5	0	
#51 2nd Foster Caretaker's Birth Year	47	6	0	
#52 1st Foster Caretaker's Race				
a. American Indian or Alaska Native	48	4	1	
b. Asian	49	4	0	
c. Black or African American	48	5	0	
d. Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	49	4	0	
e. White	49	4	0	
f. Unable to Determine	48	5	0	
#53 1st Foster Caretaker's Hispanic Origin 0 = Not Applicable 1 = Yes 2 = No 3 = Unable to Determine	47	5	1	
#54 2nd Foster Caretaker's Race				
a. American Indian or Alaska Native	47	5	1	

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b. Asian	48	5	0	
c. Black or African American	48	5	0	
d. Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	48	5	0	
e. White	48	5	0	
f. Unable to Determine	48	5	0	
#55 2nd Foster Caretaker's Hispanic Origin 0 = Not Applicable 1 = Yes 2 = No 3 = Unable to Determine	46	5	2	
#56 Date of Discharge	44	5	4	
#58 Reason for Discharge 0 = Not Applicable 1 = Reunification with Parent(s) or Primary Caretaker(s) 2 = Living with Other Relative(s) 3 = Adoption 4 = Emancipation 5 = Guardianship 6 = Transfer to Another Agency 7 = Runaway	48	3	2	

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8 = Death of Child				
#59 Title IVE Foster Care	47	5	1	
#60 Title IVE Adoption	53	0	0	
#61 Title IVA AFDC	52	1	0	
#62 Title IVD Child Support	53	0	0	
#63 Title XIX Medicaid	35	18	0	
#64 SSI	53	0	0	
#65 None of the Above	47	4	2	Case file reviewers may have assumed that if no other Federal source of assistance is identified, then Element #65 should automatically be coded as "Applies." This is not the correct meaning of this Element intended to capture other support or assistance not captured in #59-64.
#66 Monthly Amount	48	4	1	Case reviewers were not familiar with the payment tables and did not know whether the monthly amounts listed were correct for that case or not. In an effort to "check" the amount, most reviewers listed the type of monthly FC payment that s/he would expect to be made for this child. Results not conclusive!

ADOPTION CASE FILE FINDINGS

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